people were pure Tamilians and were ignorant of Malayalam. Lastly, the introduction of industrial and technical branches of studies in the local higher grade English school and the appointment of a non-official President for the Shencottah Municipality were urged.

Dewan's reply.—Your memo of subjects did not contain any information as to the various items about which you proposed to speak. So no definite replies can be given just now. The question of sanitation of Shencottah town was brought forward by another member and has been answered. In regard to the appointment of a separate Munsiff-Magistrate and Tahsildar, there is not sufficient work for a whole time Munsiff at Shencottah.

Member.—At least a Munsiff-Magistrate and a separate Tahsildar may be given.

Dewan.—That is part of the general question of separating the executive from the judiciary which is engaging the attention of Government. As for the appointment of Tamil knowing officers, officers serving in Tamil taluks should, no doubt, know Tamil and the question of instituting an examination in Tamil for them is under consideration.

Member.—The Tahsildar must be a competent and first rate man. He has often to deal with officers of the adjoining British territory. Formerly, the Tahsildars of Shencottah were men who were seniors in service aud who were promoted as District Magistrates.

Dewan.—Do you mean to say that the present man is incompetent ? Have you any grievances against him?

Member.—No.

Dewan.—How can we say except by his work that a man is a first-rate or a second-rate man. Who knows that the present man is not going to become a District Magistrate?

The question of industrial education is under the consideration of Government.

A non-official President will be given for your Municipality.

159. Certain needs of the Karungapalli Taluk.

Mr. Sankaran Padmanabhan (Member, Karungapalli Taluk) represented the urgent need for the following works:—

(1) Early construction of the Quilon Alleppey road.

(2) Metalling the Karunagapalli-Sastancottah road.

(3) Repairing and widening the canal from the Ashtamudi lake to Mukundapuram so as to make it fit for boat traffic at all seasons.

(4) Repairing the Krishnapuram-Kuttitheru road.

(5) Repairing the Thodiyur-Kayankulam canal so as to make it navigable.

(6) Repairing the Kulasekharapuram-Chakkuvalli road.

(7) Extending to the Pallikal-Thodiyur road the road 8 miles in length, already constructed by the people in the northern portion of the taluk.

(8) Opening of a native vaidyasala at the eastern extremity of the Tazhava pakuthi.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

160. Needs of the eastern pakuthies of the Tiruvalla Taluk.

Mr. K. M. Mammam Mappilla (Member, Tiruvalla Taluk) was permitted to speak in the place of Mr. Muraniyal Krishnan Govindan deceased. He first urged the conversion of the Police sub-station at Mallapalli into a charging station. He also requested Government to take over the maintenance of the Nedumkunnam-Aunikad road, the Tiruvalla-Mallapalli road and other roads opened by the people.

Dewan's reply.—As regards the opening of a charging station at Mallappalli, it has been reported that there is no sufficient crime in the locality to justify it

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